

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 09-41

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_, Council President Boniface at the request of the County Executive

Legislative Day No. 09-32 Date November 10, 2009

AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Section 157-24, License fees, of Article II, Fees, of Chapter 157, Licenses and Permits; and to add new Section 157-30, Mechanical permits, to Article II, Fees, of Chapter 157, Licenses and Permits, all of the Harford County Code, as amended; to establish a fee schedule for mechanical certificates of registration and permits; and generally relating to mechanical registration and permit fees.

By the Council, November 10, 2009

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: December 8, 2009

at: 7:00 pm

By Order: Barbara J. O'Connor, Council Administrator

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on December 8, 2009, and concluded on December 8, 2009.

Barbara J. O'Connor, Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland that Section 157-24, License fees, of Article II, Fees, of Chapter 157, Licenses and Permits, of the Harford County Code, as amended, be, and it is hereby, repealed and reenacted, with amendments; and that new Section 157-30, Mechanical permits, be, and it is hereby, added to Article II, Fees, of Chapter 157, Licenses and Permits, of the Harford County Code, as amended, all to read as follows:

**Chapter 157. Licenses and Permits**

**Article II. Fees**

**§ 157-24. [License fees.] LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION.**

The following annual fees shall be charged for the specified licenses AND CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION:

**A. Electrician.**

(1) Apprentice registration: \$5

(2) License fees and renewals:

(a) Master electrician: \$45

(b) Journeyman electrician: \$15

(c) Limited electrician: \$35

(d) Restricted electrician: \$35

(e) Examination for any license: \$30

(f) Special examination (conducted at other than regularly specified times), in addition to regular fee: \$50

(g) Restoration fee: \$20

(h) Inactive master or limited: \$30

(i) Change of license information: \$20

**B. [Plumbers.] PLUMBING CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION.**

(1) Master plumber: \$45

(2) Journeyman plumber: \$15

(3) Master gas fitter: \$45

(4) Journeyman gas fitter: \$15

(5) LP gas fitter: \$35

(6) Fee for testing exams: \$25

C. MECHANICAL CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION (FEES ARE PER YEAR, ISSUED FOR A 2-YEAR PERIOD).

(1) MASTER: \$45

(2) MASTER RESTRICTED: \$20 FOR EACH CATEGORY, MAXIMUM \$45

(A) MASTER RESTRICTED HEATING

(B) MASTER RESTRICTED FORCED AIR

(C) MASTER RESTRICTED HEATING-HYDRONIC

(D) MASTER RESTRICTED VENTILATION

(E) MASTER RESTRICTED AIR-CONDITIONING

(F) MASTER RESTRICTED REFRIGERATION

(3) LIMITED MECHANICAL: \$45

(4) JOURNEYMAN: \$15

(5) APPRENTICE: \$5

[C]D. Licenses.

(1) Licenses of operators.

(a) Refuse and septic truck, each: \$50

(b) Solicitor: \$15

(c) Auctioneer.

[1] County resident: \$50

[2] Non-county resident: \$100

- 1 (d) Itinerant dealer: \$40
- 2 (e) Pawnbroker: \$100
- 3 (f)
- 4 [1] Taxicab driver's permit: \$25
- 5 [2] Taxicab owner's license: \$50
- 6 [3] Owner-operator permit: \$5
- 7 [4] Replacement for lost or destroyed permit: \$5
- 8 [5] Medallion: \$5
- 9 (g) Mobile home park licenses.
- 10 [1] For each 10 units or fraction thereof: \$60
- 11 [2] Excise tax, each unit, per month: \$10
- 12 (h) Pet shop: \$100
- 13 (i) Pet shop and grooming: \$150
- 14 (j) Grooming business: \$100
- 15 (k) Kennel.
- 16 [1] 6 through 9 dogs: \$100
- 17 [2] 10 through 25 dogs: \$150
- 18 [3] Over 25 dogs: \$200
- 19 (2) Dog licenses.
- 20 (a) Annual fees.
- 21 [1] Sterilized dogs: \$8
- 22 [2] Unsterilized dogs: \$15
- 23 [3] Senior citizens over 60 years of age, on the tag fees only, shall pay:
- 24 [a] For sterilized dogs: \$5
- 25 [b] For unsterilized dogs: \$8

(b) Replacement of lost tags: \$2

(c) Dog licenses purchased after 45 calendar days from due date will be  
charged a late fee: \$3

[D]E. Miscellaneous photographs for licenses: \$3

**§ 157-30. MECHANICAL PERMITS.**

THE FOLLOWING FEES SHALL BE CHARGED FOR MECHANICAL PERMITS:

A. APPLICATION FEE: \$25 NON-REFUNDABLE

B. RESIDENTIAL USES TO INCLUDE ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLING UNITS,  
MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING UNITS AND APARTMENTS. FEES ARE TO BE  
CHARGED PER SYSTEM INSTALLED PER DWELLING UNIT:

(1) HEATING AND AIR-CONDITIONING: \$70

(2) HEATING SYSTEM: \$55

(3) AIR-CONDITIONING: \$55

(4) DUCTWORK ONLY: \$55

(5) REPLACEMENT SYSTEM: \$30

C. NONRESIDENTIAL INSTALLATIONS. THE PERMIT FEE SHALL BE BASED UPON  
THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE WORK WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE COST OF THE  
EQUIPMENT, LABOR AND MATERIALS. (EQUIPMENT COST SHALL ALSO  
INCLUDE THE COST OF ANY OWNER OR THIRD PARTY MECHANICAL  
EQUIPMENT THAT WILL NOT BE SUPPLIED BY THE MECHANICAL  
CONTRACTOR.)

(1) \$0 – 2,000: \$30

(2) \$2,001 – 5,000: \$40

(3) \$5,001 – 7,000: \$50

(4) \$7,001 – 9,000: \$65

(5) \$9,001 – 11,000: \$75

(6) OVER \$11,001, THE FEE SHALL BE \$75 PLUS \$0.0055 TIMES THE AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF \$11,000.

D. REINSPECTION OR UNNECESSARY TRIPS: \$50

E. INVESTIGATION FEE (IN ADDITION TO REGULAR PERMIT AND LICENSE FEES): \$100

F. WRITTEN NOTICE OF VIOLATION, WORKING WITHOUT A VALID LICENSE OR PERMIT, ISSUANCE OF A STOP WORK ORDER, IN ADDITION TO REGULAR FEE:

(1) FIRST OCCURRENCE: \$250

(2) SECOND OCCURRENCE: \$300

(3) SUBSEQUENT OCCURRENCE (WITH ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING): \$350

G. PLAN REVIEW – TO BE ADDED TO PERMIT FEE: \$60 PER HOUR, CHARGED IN ½-HOUR INCREMENTS

H. HOURLY RATE: \$60 PER HOUR, CHARGED IN ½-HOUR INCREMENTS

I. FEE FOR AMENDMENT OF PERMIT: \$25

Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: February 8, 2010

*The Council Administrator does hereby certify that fifteen (15) copies of this Bill are immediately available for distribution to the public and the press.*

*Barbara J. O'Connor*  
Council Administrator

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ 09-41 \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Title \_\_\_\_\_ Mechanical Permits \_\_\_\_\_

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT**

Barbara J. O'Connor  
Council Administrator

Date December 8, 2009

**ENROLLED**

Bill Boniface  
Council President

Date December 8, 2009

**BY THE COUNCIL**

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 09-35

Failed of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

By Order

Barbara J. O'Connor  
Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

Barbara J. O'Connor  
Council Administrator

**BY THE EXECUTIVE**

David L. Casey  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date December 10, 2009

**BY THE COUNCIL**



This Bill No. 09-41 having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on December 10, 2009.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 8, 2010

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